REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform to US patent practice. Claims 13 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 17-23 have been added. The specification has been amended to add section headings and a replacement abstract has been provided.

Applicants contend that such amendment adds no new matter and finds support in the specification. Attached hereto, please find pages captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early examination and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested for claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 17-23. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for other than allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below so that additional changes may be discussed.

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In the specification:

The specification has been amended to add section headings.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 13 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (I)

Het
$$\bigvee_{W}^{X}$$
 \bigvee_{Z}^{V} (I)

[in which]wherein

V represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl or alkoxy,

W represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alk[i]ynyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, [[in each case]] optionally substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylalkoxy or phenylalkylthio,

X represents halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alk[i]ynyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, cyano, nitro, [in each case] optionally substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenylalkyloxy or phenylalkylthio,

Y represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,

Z represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogenoalkyl, halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or [in each case] optionally substituted phenoxy, phenylthio, 5- or 6-membered hetaryloxy, 5- or 6-membered hetarylthio, phenylalkyloxy or phenylalkylthio,

[in which] wherein

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

$$R^{1}$$
 (b), R^{2} (c), R^{3} (d), R^{6}

[in which] wherein

E represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

L represents oxygen or sulphur,

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

represents [in each case] optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or represents [in each case] optionally halogen-, alkyl- or alkoxy-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl or represents [in each case] optionally substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, hetaryl, phenoxyalkyl or hetaryloxyalkyl,

- R² represents [in each case] optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or represents [in each case] optionally substituted cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl,
- R³, R⁴ and R⁵ independently [of one another] represent [in each case] optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino,

alkylthio, alkenylthio or cycloalkylthio or represent [in each case] optionally substituted phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R⁶ and R⁷ independently [of one another] represent hydrogen, represent [in each case] optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, represent [in each case] optionally substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted cycl[e]ic group which optionally contains oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound [I-a-79 from EP 528 156] below

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3

2. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1, [in which] wherein

V represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy,

- W represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl or C₂-C₆- alk[i]ynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy or [in each case] optionally halogen-, C₁-C₆-alkyl-, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy or phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkylthio,
- X represents halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆- alk[i]ynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy, cyano, nitro or [in each case] optionally halogen-, C₁-C₆-alkyl-, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-

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substituted phenyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy or phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkylthio,

- Y represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- z represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or [in each case] optionally halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyanosubstituted phenoxy, phenylthio, thiazolyloxy, pyridinyloxy, pyrimidyloxy, pyrazolyloxy, phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyloxy or phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkylthio,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

[in which] wherein

- E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,
- L represents oxygen or sulphur and

represents [in each case] optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy-C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkylthio-C₁-C₈-alkyl or poly-C₁-C₈-alkoxy-C₁-C₈-alkyl or represents optionally halogen-, C₁-C₆-alkyl- or C₁-C₆-alkoxy-substituted C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur,

represents optionally halogen-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₆-alkyl-, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-, C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₆-halogenoalkoxy-, C₁-C₆-alkylthio- or C₁-C₆-alkylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl,

represents optionally halogen-, nitro-, cyano-, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl-, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy-, C_1 - C_6 -halogenoalkyl- or C_1 - C_6 -halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl,

represents optionally halogen- or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl-substituted 5- or 6-membered hetaryl having one or two heteroatoms <u>selected</u> from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

represents optionally halogen- or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl-substituted phenoxy- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl or

represents optionally halogen-, amino- or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl-substituted 5- or 6-membered hetaryloxy- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl having one or two heteroatoms <u>sélected</u> from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

represents optionally halogen-, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl- or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy-substituted C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl or

represents [in each case] optionally halogen-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₆-

alkyl-, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-, C₁-C₆-halogenoalkyl- or C₁-C₆-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

represents optionally halogen-substituted C₁-C₈-alkyl or [in each case] optionally halogen-, C₁-C₆-alkyl-, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-halogeno alkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently [of one another] represent [in each case] optionally halogen-substituted C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₈-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₈-alkylthio or C₃-C₈-alkenylthio or represent [in each case] optionally halogen-, nitro-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkylthio-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-substituted phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R⁶ and R⁷ independently [of one another] represent hydrogen, represent [in each case] optionally halogen- or cyano-substituted C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₃-C₈-alkenyl or C₁-C₈-alkoxy-C₂-C₈-alkyl, represent [in each case] optionally halogen-, C₁-C₈-alkyl-, C₁-C₈-halogenoalkyl- or C₁-C₈-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl or together represent an optionally C₁-C₆-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound [I-a-75 from EP 528 156] below

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 CH_3

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3. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1, [in which] wherein

- V represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxy,
- W represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl or C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy,
- X represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- Y represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy, cyano or nitro,
- z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro or [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy-, nitro- or cyano-substituted phenoxy or benzyloxy,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

[in which] wherein

E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur and

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

 R^1 represents [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₁₆-alkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆alkylthio-C₁-C₆-alkyl or poly-C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, C₁-C₅-alkyl- or C₁-C₅-alkoxy-substituted C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₃-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₃halogenoalkoxy-, C1-C4-alkylthio- or C1-C4-alkylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C1-C4-alkyl-, C1-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₃-halogenoalkyl- or C₁-C₃-halogenoalkoxysubstituted phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl or thienvl. represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine- or C₁-C₄-alkylsubstituted phenoxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl or

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C1-C16-alkyl, C2-C16-alkenyl, C1-C6-alkoxy-C2-C6-alkyl or poly-C1-C6-alkoxy-C2-C6-alkyl, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, C1-C4-alkyl- or C1-C4-alkoxy-substituted C3-C7-cycloalkyl or

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-,

amino- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted pyridyloxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, pyrimidyloxy-

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C₁-C₅-alkyl or thiazolyloxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl,

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-, C₁-C₃-halogenoalkyl- or C₁-C₃-halogenoalkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

represents optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl or [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkoxy-, C₁-C₂-halogenoalkyl-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently [of one another] represent [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₆-alkylthio or C₃-C₄-alkenylthio or represent [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, nitro-, cyano-, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-, C₁-C₃-halogenoalkoxy-, C₁-C₃-alkylthio-, C₁-C₃-halogenoalkylthio-, C₁-C₃-alkyl- or C₁-C₃-halogenoalkyl-substituted phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R⁶ and R⁷ independently [of one another] represent hydrogen, represent [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-alkenyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₂-C₆-alkyl, represent [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, C₁-C₅-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₅-alkyl- or C₁-C₅-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together represent an optionally C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound [I-a-75 from EP 528 156] below

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3

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4. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1, [in which] wherein

- V represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy or ethoxy,
- W represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, methoxy or ethoxy,
- X represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy or cyano,
- Y represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,
- Z represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

Het represents one of the groups

G represents hydrogen (a) or represents one of the groups

$$R^1$$
 (b), R^2 (c), R^3 (d), R^6 R^5 (e), E (f), R^7 (g),

[in which] wherein

- E represents a metal ion or an ammonium ion,
- L represents oxygen or sulphur and

R1 represents [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C1-C14-alkyl, C2-C14-alkenyl, C1-C4-alkoxy-C1-C6-alkyl, C1-C4-alkylthio-C1-C6-alkyl, poly-C1-C4-alkoxy-C1-C4-alkyl or represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, n-butyl-, isobutyl-, tert-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n-propoxy- or isopropoxy-substituted C3-C6-cycloalkyl in which optionally one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are replaced by oxygen and/or sulphur,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, cyano-, nitro-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoromethyl-, trifluoromethoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted phenyl,

represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted benzyl,

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted furanyl, thienyl or pyridyl, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted phenoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl or

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, amino-, methylor ethyl-substituted pyridyloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, pyrimidyloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, thiazolyloxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₁₄-alkyl, C₂-C₁₄-alkenyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₂-C₆-alkyl or poly-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₂-C₆-alkyl, represents optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl- or methoxy-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, or represents [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, cyano-,

nitro-, methyl-, ethyl-, n-propyl-, isopropyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

represents [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl, or [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, isopropyl-, tert-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, isopropoxy-, trifluoromethyl-, trifluoromethoxy-, cyano- or nitro-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R⁴ and R⁵ independently [of one another] represent [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino or C₁-C₄-alkylthio or represent [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, nitro-, cyano-, methyl-, methoxy-, trifluoromethyl- or trifluoromethoxy-substituted phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R⁶ and R⁷ independently [of one another] represent hydrogen, represent [in each case] optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₃-C₄-alkenyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₂-C₄-alkyl, represent [in each case] optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, methoxy- or trifluoromethyl-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together represent an optionally methyl- or ethyl-substituted C₅-C₆-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

except for the compound [I-a-75 from EP 528 156] below

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3

5. (Amended) A p[P]rocess for preparing a compound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1, [characterized in that, to obtain] comprising
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in which

V, W, X, Y and Z have the meanings given above]
condensing intramolecularly a compound of the formula (II)

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z [have the meanings given above] are as defined in Claim 1, and

R8 represents alkyl

[are condensed intramolecularly] in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base, <u>yielding a compound of the formula (I-1-a)</u>

<u>or</u>

[(B) compounds of the formula (I-2-a)

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in which

V, W, X, Y and Z have the meanings given above]
condensing intramolecularly a compound[s] of the formula (III)

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y, Z and R^8 [have the meanings given above] are as defined in Claim 1,

[are condensed intramolecularly] in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base to yield a compound of the formula (I-2-a)

collecting the reaction product

[and the resulting compounds of the formula (I-1-a) and (I-2-a) are, if appropriate, subsequently

(C) α) reacted with compounds of the formula (IV)

$$Hal \bigvee_{O} R^{1} \qquad \qquad (IV)$$

has the meaning given above and

Hal

represents halogen

or

ß) reacted with compounds of the formula (V)

(V)

in which

R¹ has the meaning given above,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder;

(D) reacted with compounds of the formula (VI)

(VI)

in which

R² and M have the meanings given above,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder;

(E) reacted with compounds of the formula (VII)

$$CI \underbrace{\hspace{1cm} M-R^2}_{S}$$
 (VII)

in which

M and R^2 have the meanings given above,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder,

(F) reacted with compounds of the formula (VIII)

(VIII)

in which

R³ has the meaning given above,

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if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder,

(G) reacted with compounds of the formula (IX)

$$Hal - P \qquad (IX)$$

$$L \qquad R^{5}$$

in which

L, \mathbb{R}^4 and \mathbb{R}^5 have the meanings given above and

Hal represents halogen,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder,

(H) reacted with compounds of the formula (X) or (XI)

$$\mathsf{Me}(\mathsf{OR}^{\mathsf{10}})_{\mathsf{t}} \quad (X) \qquad \qquad \mathsf{R}^{\mathsf{10}} \underset{\mathsf{R}^{\mathsf{12}}}{\overset{\mathsf{N}}{\nearrow}} \mathsf{R}^{\mathsf{11}} \qquad (XI)$$

in which

Me represents a mono- or divalent metal,

t represents the number 1 or 2 and

 $\mathsf{R}^{10},\,\mathsf{R}^{11},\,\mathsf{R}^{12}$ independently of one another represent hydrogen or alkyl,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent,

(I) α) reacted with compounds of the formula (XII)

$$R^6-N=C=L$$
 (XII)

in which

R⁶ and L have the meanings given above,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of a catalyst or

ß) reacted with compounds of the formula (XIII)

$$R^6$$
 CI (XIII)

in which

L, R⁶ and R⁷ have the meanings given above, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of an acid binder].

6. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (II)

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z [have the meanings given above] are as defined in Claim 1 and R8 represents alkyl.

7. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (III)

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y, Z and R⁸ [have the meanings given above,] <u>are as defined in claim 6</u> except for the compound below

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$$F_3$$
C CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3

8. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (XVI)

$$F_3C \xrightarrow{CO_2H} X \\ V \\ V \\ XVI)$$

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z [have the meanings given above] are as defined in Claim 1.

9. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (XIX)

[in which] wherein

V, W, X, Y and Z [have the meanings given above] are as defined in Claim 1.

$$CF_3$$
 H_2N
 CN
(XVIII)

11. (Amended) The c[C]ompound[s] of the formula (XIV)

$$F_3C$$
 CO_2R^8 (XIV)

[in which] wherein

- R⁸ [has the meanings given above] is as defined in Claim 6.
- 12. (Amended) A p[P]esticide and/or weed killer[, characterized in that it]
 compris[es]ing at least one compound of [the formula (I) according to] Claim
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- 14. (Amended) A m[M]ethod for controlling at least one of a pest[s] and a weed[s,] [characterized in that] comprising applying a compound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1 [are allowed to act on] to the pest[s], [plants] weed and/or [their]its habitat.
- 15. (Amended) A p[P]rocess for preparing at least one of a pesticide[s] and[/or] a weed killer[s, characterized in that] comprising mixing at least one compound[s] of [the formula (I) according to] Claim 1 [are mixed] with at least one of extenders and[/or] surfactants.

Please add the following claims:

--17. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (IV)

$$Hal \bigvee_{O} R^{1}$$
 (IV)

wherein

R¹ is as defined in Claim 1 and

Hal represents halogen

or

reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (V)

$$R^{1}$$
-CO-O-CO- R^{1} (V)

wherein

R¹ is as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

18. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (VI)

$$R^2$$
-M-CO-C! (VI)

wherein

R² and M are as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CI} & \text{M-R}^2 \\ & \text{S} \end{array} \hspace{1cm} \text{(VII)}$$

wherein

M and R² are as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

20. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (VIII)

$$R^3$$
-SO₂-CI (VIII)

wherein

 R^3 is as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

21. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (IX)

$$Hal - P \qquad (IX)$$

$$L \qquad R^5$$

wherein

L, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined in Claim 1,

Hal represents halogen, and

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collecting the reaction product, wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.

22. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (X) or (XI)

$$R^{10} \sim R^{11}$$
 (XI)

wherein

Me represents a mono- or divalent metal,

t represents the number 1 or 2 and

R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹² independently represent hydrogen or alkyl, and collecting the reaction product, wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent.

23. The process of Claim 5, further including reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (XII)

$$R^6-N=C=L$$
 (XII)

wherein

R⁶ and L are as defined in Claim 1, and

collecting the reaction product,

wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a catalyst,

or

reacting the compound of formula (I-1-a) or the compound of formula (I-2-a) with a compound of the formula (XIII)

$$R^6$$
 N CI $(XIII)$

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wherein

L, R⁶ and R⁷ are as defined in Claim 1, and collecting the reaction product, wherein the step of reacting optionally occurs in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of an acid binder.--

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